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Good Week for Field Work: Both Maryland and Delaware had an average of 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Most areas in the region received warmer temperatures, with limited precipitation. Both states have continued to report soil moisture in adequate or surplus levels. Weather conditions allowed for significant increases in barley and winter wheat heading this week – with heading being complete in parts of the reporting area. Corn crops also saw good progress in growth this week. Potato and pea plantings have mostly been completed in Delaware and Maryland is seeing planting progress right on track with 5-year averages for these crops. Soybean planting is in the early stages. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included spreading of manure and fertilizer, pesticide spraying, ground prep, planting of tender vegetable crops, harvest of alfalfa forage crops, and planting of corn and soybean crops.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 12, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	2	50	48
SUBSOIL	0	0	60	40

MD Crop Conditions as of May 12, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	3	6	66	24	1
HAY, ALFALFA	2	2	22	56	18
HAY, OTHER	2	4	14	72	8
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	8	31	44	15
WINTER WHEAT	0	2	63	28	7

MD Crop Progress as of May 12, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	77	76	85	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	83	54	54	N/A
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	16	N/A	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	65	42	41	51
CORN: EMERGED	42	21	22	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	8	N/A	N/A	N/A
GREEN PEAS: PLANTED	52	N/A	53	55
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	78	75	81	83
POTATOES: PLANTED	71	N/A	76	71
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	18	8	9	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	68	N/A	68	77
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	15	N/A	33	29
TOMATOES: PLANTED	22	N/A	24	23
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	18	N/A	9	12
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	85	23	38	47

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 12, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	51	49
SUBSOIL	0	0	32	68

DE Crop Conditions as of May 12, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	3	3	48	39	7
HAY, ALFALFA	2	4	14	73	7
HAY, OTHER	5	6	25	44	20
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	4	15	67	12
WINTER WHEAT	2	4	44	42	8

DE Crop Progress as of May 12, 2019
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	65	54	85	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	91	87	65	66
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	46	36	72	59
CORN: EMERGED	22	10	25	N/A
GREEN PEAS: PLANTED	100	N/A	89	81
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	86	72	90	90
POTATOES: PLANTED	95	N/A	91	74
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	8	<5	20	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	15	N/A	66	66
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	14	N/A	21	27
TOMATOES: PLANTED	25	N/A	57	30
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	10	N/A	62	40
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	63	46	45	45

REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

A warm reporting period helped move corn growth. A start to alfalfa forage harvest was noted also. Much was harvested as haylage. softer vegetable crops are being planted quickly currently, with soil temperatures being mostly in the upper 50s and low 60 degree range. Pastures look very well except for areas that remain covered with water. Wheat is completely headed out in most areas. Moisture presents a concern for wheat with disease. Soils are at capacity for moisture yet again.

Kent County, MD – Nate Richards

Mild weather. Some rain. Plenty of sunshine

Kent County, DE – Lauren/Maryann Huber

Pea and Potato planting has wrapped up, corn planting is in full swing and soybean planting has begun. Fieldwork has consisted of spraying and spreading of manure and fertilizer however continual precipitation has made it difficult to work all ground.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Cool and wet at the end of the week - soil temperatures cold - still people trying to plant corn in cool wet ground

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Great planting conditions